

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2003, the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, and the Action (styled as a restriction requirement) dated May 5, 2005. As this amendment is filed within one month of the May 5 Action (June 5, 2005 being a Sunday), the amendment is timely filed.

At the outset, the examiner and the undersigned discussed the status of the claims in a telephonic interview on June 6, 2005. After discussing the matter, the examiner and the undersigned agreed that it was their understanding that the amendments of the Amendment mailed April 6, 2004 had not been entered, and thus claims 1-70 are presently pending. As a consequence, the amendments of this paper assume this status. If the examiner and the undersigned are incorrect in this regard, the examiner graciously volunteered to prepare an examiner's amendment renumbering the claims.

In response to the May 5 Action, applicants respectfully elect the claims 1-70.

In the November 6 Office Action, the examiner found claims 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20-23, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 50-52 to be allowable. Consequently, applicants have hereby amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 11, 12, 14 and 15, and claim 31 to include the limitations of claims 41-45. Applicants have also amended claim 17 to include the limitations of claims 16 and 18, claim 20 to include the limitations of claims 19 and 21-23, claim 47 to include the limitations of claims 46 and 48, and claim 50 to include the limitations of claims 49, 51 and 52. Applicants have also canceled claims 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 19, 21-30, 41-46, 48, 49, 51-59 and 61-70, without prejudice to filing the same, similar or broader claims in a subsequent continuing application.

By this amendment, applicants present six (6) independent claims and twenty-six (26) total claims. As applicants previously paid for four (4) independent claims (three (3) at the time of filing and one (1) with their April 6 Amendment) and seventy (70) total claims, applicants include herewith a check for \$400.00 for the fees for the two (2) additional independent claims. In any event, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 29757/AG73. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Additionally, applicants have filed two Information Disclosure Statements, dated April 12, 2004 and December 1, 2004. As the Information Disclosure Statements were timely filed with the appropriate fees, the applicants await the initialed Forms PTO-1449 signifying that the Office has reviewed the submitted references.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. If there is any matter that the Examiner would like to discuss, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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